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### Pricing of Field Notes and Survey Records

Council considers research of other Surveyors' records to be a necessary function when performing boundary surveys and the pricing of these records needs to be reasonable so that fees are not a detriment to performing proper research.

The following bulletins continue to apply:

- AOLS Bulletin 2007-01 "AOLS policy regarding the exchange of Cadastral Survey Records"
- AOLS Bulletin 1982-14 "Research – Field Notes"
- AOLS Bulletin 1988-31 "Lack of Research"

Despite the direction in these bulletins there are a wide range of charges for survey records and therefore further direction is required.

Council recognizes that there are multiple systems and approaches being used to maintain and provide survey records, ranging from conventional paper-based systems to digital self-serve options. They also recognize that projects will have varying amounts of research associated with them. As a result, there are several maximum prices recommended:

- For any fixed fee requests from digital self-serve systems the maximum fee should be no greater than \$150/plan and field note request.
- For any fixed fee requests made in person, by email etc. the maximum fee should be no greater than \$150/ search which includes all necessary records in the vicinity of the requested property
- For larger projects (e.g. a route survey) the costs should be based on the actual search time using a maximum hourly rate of \$100.00 per hour.

While these are maximum rates anticipated, it is recognized that there may be exceptional circumstances which could warrant a higher fee. In these cases, it will be the charging surveyor's responsibility to justify the exceptional circumstances.

These rates will be updated every two years by Council with involvement from the AOLS members.